



Hunter Mill Highlights

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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

Hunter Mill Highlights
 is my electronic
 monthly newsletter.

Please share this issue with
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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

Every day we see camped out, surrounded with their belongings, people much like you and me. Except they are homeless and a growing segment of the populace. Additionally, this is a human services concern of significance across the United States. More locally in Hunter Mill, we also face the same challenge.

An individual or family is considered homeless when they don't have permanent housing, sleeping in the streets, or staying in shelters, abandoned buildings or vehicles. Furthermore, homelessness affects not just single men and women, it touches thousands of families in any given year. Families and children are considered as one of the fastest growing homeless populations.

Sleeping in a tent in 20° is not only uncomfortable, it is dangerous which is why Fairfax County maintains its Hypothermia Shelter Program. This program offers those in danger from exposure to cold weather more than just a roof over their heads. It offers a warm meal, laundry facilities, showers, and support.

Coupled with homelessness, there are emotional, physical, and psychological challenges. Yes, it is that complicated. These needs and barriers challenge progress toward re-entry into the community. To help with this, outreach staff provide case management support to link individuals to resources, including opportunities for housing. All of the services provided and supplies used are made available due to a combination of full-time agency staff and a committed group of volunteers and donors.

Enabling individuals to re-enter society as contributing members is the ultimate solution to the problem of homelessness. And it benefits all of us. However, without affordable housing and housing assistance programs, there can be no durable homelessness solution. While the weather changes season to season, we are prepared, as a county, to weather the storm to prevent and end homelessness. While progress may be slower than anyone would like, it is progress nonetheless.

Cathy Hudgins

Need a Notary?

Sooner or later everyone will need a Notary to act as an official, unbiased witness to their identity and signature for a specific purpose. Our office can take the hassle out of finding a Notary; we have a Notary Public on staff as a service to the Hunter Mill constituents. To confirm 9 am-5 pm availability or schedule an appointment, please contact Kathleen Driscoll, 703 478 0283.

Now Playing on Channel 16: *Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins*

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January: Preventing Winter Weather Woes. This month's program focuses on Preventing Winter Weather Woes with discussion how the County operates during winter weather emergencies and preventative actions our agencies take to ensure the safety of the community.

Each month, Supervisor Hudgins host a television program on the County's Channel 16, on a variety of important issues and topics in the Hunter Mill District and the County. Broadcast times and days and links to [video on demand](#) are available on the ["Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins" webpage](#).

Hyperthermia Prevention Program

Since 2008, Fairfax County has provided Emergency Shelter, Hypothermia Prevention Services, and Supportive Housing Services, as part of its Plan To Prevent and End Homelessness. With winter upon us and plummeting temperatures, the Hypothermia Prevention Program, is a critical component to protecting homeless population during the extreme cold with dinner, a warm place to sleep, professional case management services and breakfast.

In Hunter Mill, as elsewhere in the County, various faith community host homeless guests. This is the eleventh year St. John Neumann Catholic Church, working with FACETS (Fairfax Area Christian Emergency and Transitional Services) New Hope Housing, is participating by providing shelter and meals.

In addition, Cornerstones partners with Fairfax County to operate the North County Hypothermia Prevention Program (NCHP). **They would welcome your assistance with a number of items, such as** hand warmers, coffee, coffee creamer, sugar, sweat pants, sweat shirts, Lysol spray, Clorox wipes. Donations can be coordinated through Susan Alger, 703-323-1383 or susan.alger@cornerstonesva.org. Items can be dropped off with front desk staff any time of day.

Stuff the Bus Food Drive

Fairfax County partners with local grocery stores for the annual Stuff the Bus food drive for local food pantries. Last year more than 33,000 lbs. of food and nearly \$9,000 was collected to help alleviate hunger in Fairfax County. This equated to more than 30,000 meals to Fairfax families. You can help this year's efforts by bringing your donations to "stuff the bus" at the locations below. All donation hours are from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.



Locations in/near the Hunter Mill District are:

- January 20 - Fox Mill Giant - 2551 John Milton Drive, Herndon
- January 27 - Village Center at Dulles Shoppers - 2425 Centreville Road, Herndon
- February 3 - Herndon Giant - 1228 Elden Street, Herndon
- February 24 - Vienna Giant - 359 Maple Avenue East, Vienna

Need a Refund for Prepaid County Taxes?

Did you prepay your 2018 County real estate taxes? Are you needing a refund? The Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration (DTA) needs to hear from you to process a refund. Send an email request to DTA at Refunds@fairfaxcounty.gov and provide the following information:

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| •Date paid | •Taxpayer name |
| •Amount paid | •Taxes prepaid (i.e., real estate, personal property) |
| •Payment method (i.e., wire transfer, check, cash, etc.) | •Parcel ID or personal property # |

How long will it take to get a refund? DTA reports:

- *As of January 2nd, we had taken in 13,660 prepayments.*
- *DTA is working refund requests in the order in which they are received, and we do have a large volume of these refund requests.*
- *If payments were made by wire or cash, it shortens our turnaround. If they were made by check, we must ensure that the funds clear before we work the refunds.*
- *Bottom line, from the time we have a completed refund request, we expect to turn them around in an average of 3 weeks.*

Work on the FY2019 Budget

Fairfax County FY2019 Update

Ever wonder how your tax money is being spent? If you pay real estate taxes, you can see just how much your taxes pay for public schools, public safety, courts, public works, and other government services. Check out the [Real Estate Tax Calculator](#) for an illustration on where your tax dollars go.

How Our Budget is Built in Fairfax County

For an overview of how the County goes about developing and approving their annual budget, check out the short video on [How Our Budget is Built](#).

SAVE THE DATE

Hunter Mill District Community Meetings on the Budget

Your opportunity to hear first-hand from County and School officials on the FY2019 budget proposals and ask your questions.

Two sessions are planned:

Saturday, February 24, 9 am
at James Madison High School Warhawk Hall

Thursday, March 8, 7 pm
at South Lakes High School Lecture Hall

Do you have an interest in the County's budget?

Each year, Supervisor Hudgins selects individuals from the Hunter Mill District to offer her their guidance in working through the budget. The members of the **Hunter Mill District Citizen Budget Advisory Committee** meet biweekly in January through March to delve into the budget details and offer their recommendations to the Supervisor.

If you are interested in serving on this year's committee, please send your resume along with an interest statement to huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov. The past years' final reports are available on the [Hunter Mill/budget committee website](#).

Fairfax County Public Schools FY2019 Budget Update

Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) work on their FY2019 budget has kicked into high gear. Here are some of the important dates coming up in their budget development:

- Thursday, January 11: Superintendent Scott Brabrand presented the FCPS FY2019 Proposed Budget at the School Board meeting. [View the presentation](#) or the [FY2019 budget proposal](#).
- Monday, January 22: School Board holds their budget work session
- Monday, January 29: School Board begins public hearing on the Proposed budget, with additional hearing on January 30 and 31st if needed.
- Thursday, February 8: School Board adopts FY2019 FCPS Advertised Budget
- Tuesday, February 20: Fairfax County Executive releases FY2019 Advertised Budget for the County.

FY2019-23 FCPS Proposed Capital Improvement Program

FCPS has proposed three new elementary schools and one high school in the proposed FY2019-23 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The new schools are in addition to the capacity enhancements and renovations to address current and anticipated enrollment needs. The CIP reflects a five-year requirement of \$814 million - \$472 million was approved in the FY2017 and previous years school bond referendums, leaving an unfunded balance of \$342 million.

Projects include:

- New elementary school in the northwest part of the County - McNair (funded)
- Two modular addition relocations (funded)
- Oakton-Fairfax area elementary school planning (funded)
- Addition to Madison, Stuart, and West Potomac high schools (funded)
- New elementary school near Metro's Silver Line (unfunded)
- High School in the western part of the County (unfunded)
- Five new or repurposed schools (unfunded)
- Renovations at 20 elementary schools, four middle schools, and seven high schools.

The School Board held a public hearing on the FY2019-23 CIP on Tuesday, January 9. [Details about the FY2019-23 CIP are available online.](#)

Transportation and Public Safety



Hunter Mill District Transportation Advisory Committee

A quick reminder for your calendar, the Hunter Mill District Transportation Advisory Committee (HM TAC) will be meeting on **Wednesday, 31 January 2018**. Make sure to add this event to your calendar. The location is the North County Governmental Center, [1801 Cameron Glen Drive](#). The meeting will begin at **7:00 pm**. HMD TAC discusses the transportation issues affecting the Hunter Mill District with various transportation staff and agencies. If you have any consideration items, comments, or questions, please send them to [Kathleen Driscoll](#), or call (703)478-0283.

End of Free Saturday Parking at Metro Station Parking Lots

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) announced the end of free parking on Saturdays. Beginning on Saturday, February 10, Saturday parking at Metro station parking lots will be \$2. Metro says the changes were necessary to avoid increasing the daily parking rate on weekdays. In addition, parking fees will be collected two hours earlier on weekday and end one hour later on Fridays. Parking fees will be in effect during the following hours:

- Monday - Thursday, 7:30 am to 12:30 am
- Friday, 7:30 am to 2:00 am
- Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 am.

SNOW (The "S" Word)

Here it is: everything about snow you hope you would never need: [The Fairfax County Guide to Snow](#)

Winter Weather Tips:

- Stay informed with social media, [Fairfax Alerts](#) and weather service alerts.
- Adjust commutes to avoid driving during storms until conditions improve.
- Take it slow on bridges, ramps, overpasses and other known trouble spots.
- Ensure gas tanks and windshield fluid tanks are full, and take time to update your car's emergency kit.
- Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is responsible for plowing most roads in Fairfax County.
- To report a road problem to VDOT, call 1-800-367-7623 (1-800-FOR ROAD)
- Park in driveways or on one side of the street to allow VDOT snow plows room to pass in your neighborhood.
- Use the Virginia Department of Transportation's [snow plow tracker](#) (activated when there's 2+ inches of snow) to check the status of your road and see what's been cleared.

Useful Phone Numbers:

Police, Fire, Ambulance Emergency:	call or text 911
Public Safety Non-Emergency:	703-691-2131
Fairfax County Emergency Information Line:	703-817-7771
Washington Gas:	1-800-752-7520
Columbia Gas:	1-800-544-5606
Dominion Virginia Power:	1-866-DOM-HELP (1-866-366-4357)
Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC):	1-888-335-0500
Fairfax Water:	703-698-5800
Fairfax Water After-Hours:	703-698-5613

Don't Delay - Start Recycling Your Cartons Today

In Fairfax County, you can now place cartons in your recycling bin. Cartons are the packaging for many products including milk, juice, cream, egg substitutes, soy milk, broth, and wine. They come in two different types - shelf stable and refrigerated cartons.



Place empty rinsed cartons in your recycling bin. Remove caps and straws. Your cartons will be sorted and baled at a local material recycling facility. The bales are transported to a paper mill where the fiber in the cartons is converted into pulp, which in turn is made into recycled paper products and building materials. To learn more about cartons, visit [Recycle Your Cartons](#).

New this month - changes to the Land Use Projects listing

- The monthly newsletter will list new applications and those scheduled for public hearings by the Planning Commission and/or the Board of Supervisors this month, and a look-ahead to next month.
- The complete listing of district land use projects will be posted and updated on the Hunter Mill District website-land use at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/district-land-use-cases>.
- In addition, links to the County's ZAPS Overview have been included for access to additional documents and information on the specific application.

Hunter Mill District Land Use Projects

Information on all residential and commercial properties can be accessed through the Department of Tax Administration's [Real Estate Assessment Information Site](#). You can search a property by address or tax map reference numbers. In the applications below, tax map reference numbers are in [brackets]. Addresses have also been included where available. All active zoning and land use cases can be accessed through the [LDSnet Overview site](#).

NEW Applications

AG –ARC Reston 1 Owner LLC, AG-ARC Reston 2 Owner, and AG-ARC Reston 3 Owner LLC (Reston Corner) has filed a Rezoning/Final Development Plan to rezone from the Industrial District I-4 to Planned Development Housing (PDH-30 district) for the proposed development of 145 Multi-family dwelling units, up to 1,200 square feet of retail space, and structured parking. Location: 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive [Tax Map 17-3 ((1)) parcel 26 in part, 17-3 ((8)) (4) Parcel 2 in part and 27-3((8)) (4) parcel 3 in part]. Property is within the Reston Corner office center on the southwestern quadrant of the intersection of Reston Parkway and Sunrise Valley Drive.

Applications Scheduled: January-March (NOTE: On the links below, the staff report on each case is not posted until two weeks prior to the Planning Commission hearing.)

Kensington Senior Development, LLC has filed a Planned Residential Community plan (PRC-C-378) concurrent with a Special Exception (SE 2016-HM-024) for an assisted living facility at 11501 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston [Tax Map 17-4 ((17)) Parcel 1C], located on the south side of Sunrise Valley Drive, approximately 675 feet east of the intersection with Soapstone Drive, currently the site of Good Beginnings Preschool. **The Planning Commission recommended approval at their December 7, 2017 meeting.**

The Board of Supervisors public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

[Additional information online](#) and at [SE2016-HM-012](#).

Renaissance Centro 1801, LLC.: Rezoning (RZ 2016-HM-034) and Final Development Plan (FDP 2016-HM-034) to rezone 1801 Old Reston Avenue from Commercial District - C3 to Planned Residential Mixed-Use District (PRM). Located on the west side of Old Reston Avenue, south side of Temporary Road and East of Reston Parkway [Tax Map 017-2 ((1)) parcels 20B and 20C]. Temporary tracking numbers assigned: RZ 2016-0349 and FDP 2016-0350. The rezoning is to replace the existing office building with a 20-story high-rise for-sale condominium containing up to 150 units (consisting of 126 market rate units and 24 workforce dwelling units) for an intensity of 3.6 floor area ratio (FAR) inclusive of bonus density. The proposed building, inclusive of a mechanical rooftop penthouse, will be a maximum height of 254 feet. **The Planning Commission public hearing was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 8:15 pm. Decision only was deferred until Thursday, January 25, 2018.**

[Additional information online](#) and at [RZ 2016-HM-034](#)

Fairfax County School Board has filed Planned Residential Community (PRC 76-C-111-02) application to permit building additions and site improvements at **Langston Hughes Middle School**, 11401 Ridge Heights Road, Reston, [Tax Map 026-2((18)), Parcel 9 part]. Located on the south side of Ridge Heights Road, approximately 1,200 feet west of its intersection with South Lakes Drive. The application proposes to construct two (2) building additions and site modifications to the school. A two story addition is proposed to be located at the front of the school on the side of the existing building, consisting of a gross floor area of approximately 65,000 square feet. **The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval at their January 11th meeting.**

[Additional information online](#)

McNair Seniors Apartments, L.P. (Kendrick Court Senior Facility) has filed a Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA 87-C-060-13) current with a Final Development Plan Amendment (FDPA 87-C-060-18-02) to amend proffers approved with PCA 87-C-060-5 in order to request an age restriction limit lowered from 62 to 55. The address is 13430 Coppermine Road, Herndon, VA

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Land Use continued -

[Tax Map: 016-3 ((01)), Parcel 38D]. **The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval at their meeting on January 11, 2018. Board of Supervisors public hearing for Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**

[Additional information online](#) and [PCA-87-C-060-5](#)

Northwest County (McNair) Elementary School Fairfax County School Board as filed Proffered Condition Amendment/Final Development Plan Amendment (PCA 87-C-060-14 and FDPA 87-C-060-09-03) and Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA 93-H-045/ FDPA 93-H-045) to allow the construction of a new elementary school building and site modifications on the existing property of McNair Elementary School, 2499 Thomas Jefferson Drive [Tax Map No. 16-3((1))parcel41], and an adjacent 1.36-acre parcel which was previously dedicated to the Board for public school and park use. McNair Elementary School is overcrowded and the proposed school building will provide capacity relief. It is anticipated that the existing school building will serve grades K-3 with grades 4-6 in the new school building, subject to approval by the School Board. The new school will be a multi-level building (3-stories) and will include community-oriented spaces. This project was approved for design funding in the 2015 School Bond referendum. The proposed elementary school will consist of a gross floor area of approximately 130,000 square feet which, in addition to the existing McNair Elementary School which consists of approximately 98,625 square feet, will result in a total gross floor area of approximately 228,625 square feet on the Property. **The Planning Commission public hearing was deferred until Thursday, January 18, 2018, and a Board of Supervisors public hearing for Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.**

[Additional information online](#) and [at PCA 93-H-045](#)

JBG/1831 Wiehle LLC, EYA Development LLC and The Chevy Chase Land Company of Montgomery County, Md. have filed Rezoning and Final Development Plans (RZ/FDP 2016-HM-024) for 1831 & 1860 Wiehle Avenue and 1840 & 1860 Michael Faraday Drive to permit a mixed-use, transit oriented development in the Wiehle-Reston Transit Station Area. The four parcels are located at [Tax Map: 17-4((18)) Parcels 1A and 1B and 17-4 ((18)) 2B and 3]. The existing office buildings will be replaced with approximately 1,688,000 square feet of development consisting of 840 multi-family units, 60 single-family attached residential units, 130 independent living units, 205,917 square feet of office space and 260,945 square feet of ground floor retail. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 8:15 pm.**

[Additional information online](#) and at [FDP 216-HM-024](#)

CRS Sunset Hills, LC, as the contract-purchaser of **Sunset Hills Professional Center**, has filed Rezoning/Final Development Plan applications RZ/FDP 2016-HM-035, Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA 2009-hm-019) to rezone from an Industrial District -4 to a Planned Residential Mixed-Use District (PRM). The site is located south of Sunset Hills Road, immediately north of the Reston Station development and the Wiehle-Reston East Station [Tax Maps 17-4((20A)) Parcels 1-4, 17-4 ((20B)) Parcels 5-8, 17-4 ((20C)), Parcels 9-14, 17-4((20D)) Parcels 15-18, 17-4 ((20E)) Parcels 19-22, 17-4 ((20F)) Parcels 23-26, and 17-4 ((20G)) Parcels 27-30]. The proposed rezoning is to replace the existing office condominiums with approximately 500 residential units (including workforce housing), 91,000 square feet of ground-floor retail, and 178,000 square feet of either office uses or a full-service hotel, for a total of 761,00 square feet of 3.13 effective Floor Area Ratio (FAR), excluding 16% workforce housing. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 8:15 p.m.**

[Additional information online](#)

Comstock Reston Station Holdings, LC has filed Proffer Condition Amendments (PCA 2009-HM-019-2) and Conceptual / Final Development Plans (CDPA/FDPA 2009-HM-019) applications for 1886 Metro Center Drive, [Tax Map 17-4 ((24)) Parcel 3, 17-4 ((1)) Parcels 17A, 17-4 ((1)) Parcel 17L2 and 17-4 ((1)) Parcel 17L3] to permit an increase in the maximum building heights of three (3) of the eight (8) approved buildings together with a corresponding increase in the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of the project. Comstock is also seeking to facilitate the transfer of any already-entitled hotel use in order to respond to market demand, and to retain the option of adding a second hotel concept to the Project in a later phase of development. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for March 22, 2018 at 8:15 p.m.**

[Additional information online](#) and [CDPA 2006-HM 019](#) and [PCA 2009-HM-01902](#)

Excelsior Parc Apartment Owner LLC has filed a Comprehensive Sign Plan CSP 86-C-121-04f for 1900 Oracle Way, Reston [Tax Map 17-4 ((1)) Parcel 7B]. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 8:15 pm.**

[Additional information online](#)

FR Pike 7 Limited Partnership has filed for a waiver (SE 2017-HM-031) of certain sign regulations for properties located at 8361, 8365, 8371 and 8399 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Virginia [Tax Map 29-3 ((1)), Parcels 36A1, 36B, 36C and 36D] to replace signs on Leesburg Pike. The signs will be reduced in size and moved to a more visible location on the property. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 8:15 pm.**

[Additional information online](#)

Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee

The Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee will NOT meet in January. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 20, 2018**, 7:30 pm, at the North County Governmental Center (1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston). For information, contact [Goldie Harrison](mailto:Goldie.Harrison@fairfaxcounty.gov), 703-478-0283.

On the agenda: Virginia Electric and Power Company

Reston Planning and Zoning Committee

The Reston Planning and Zoning Committee will meet on **Monday, January 22, 2018** at 7:30 pm, North County Governmental Center (1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston).

For additional information and agenda, visit <http://rpz.korchy.com>.

Each month, the Fairfax County Urban Foresters provide valuable information for caring for the County's trees

Proper Tree Mulching

Trees in the forest are accustomed to having a steady stream of leaf litter on their roots. In urban areas, proper mulching to simulate the natural forest floor environment in areas around trees is the **single most beneficial thing** one can do for trees.

Benefits of Mulching:

- Aerates the soil and reduces compaction
- Increases the amount of water available to trees
- Moderates soil temperatures to prevent extreme fluctuations
- Provides a buffer between the base of the tree and lawn mowers and other landscape maintenance equipment that can damage roots or the trunk of the tree.

Improper mulching on the other hand can be harmful to your trees – especially the common practice of piling mulch up against the trunk like a volcano. Avoid mulching with bark as this material takes a long time to break down. Instead use shredded hardwood mulch, composted leaf material or wood chips which often can be obtained for free from landscape companies or municipal yard waste compost facilities.

Mulch should be a maximum of three to four inches deep and several inches away from the trunks of trees. Spread mulch at least 3 feet around newly planted trees, and/or up to the farthest extent of outer branches on established trees. Remove and refresh mulch if it begins to clump together and becomes compacted (i.e. has a hard crust on top).



Here's an example of effective mulching for this tree at the intersection of Government Center Parkway and Post Forest Road



The County operates a brush grinding operation that produces free, double-shredded wood mulch for residents. Good quality mulch is usually available at the I-95 and the I-66 Recycling and Disposal Centers. Call 703-324-5995 to check on the current supply.

The Urban Forest Management Division staff provides timely information on tree and forest health and care throughout the year.

More information about trees is here: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/ufmdmain.htm>, or call the Fairfax County Urban Forest Management Division (UFMD) at 703-324-1770, TTY 711.

Photo left:

Improper mulching is when mulch is piled up too deep around the trunk of a tree

Students Changing School Food at the Real Food for Kids Culinary Challenge

Real Food For Kids will hold its 6th Annual Culinary Challenge and Wellness Expo on March 17, at Hayfield Secondary School. The event will feature 11 student teams competing to create a lunch that meets USDA guidelines for school meals and 8 team participating in a showcase of breakfast and snack dishes that could be adapted for school use.

Last year's winning entry, a Chicken Shawarma created by students at Lake Braddock Secondary School is now on regular rotation in Fairfax County middle and high schools. Today's cafeterias are unlike anything seen even 3 years ago. Still, the student voice in menus is critical to increasing participation so improvements can continue. The Culinary Challenge brings the voice of students to the front of the line.

The Culinary Challenge features a Public Tasting allowing participants to sample each of the students' creations as well as samples from Fairfax County School Food Services. The Challenged is paired with a Wellness Expo featuring speakers and panelists on topics related to the culinary experience, nutrition, health, wellness and careers. Registration for the event will be open on **February 1, 2018** at www.realfoodforkids.org.

Congrats!

James Madison High School Band has been awarded the Blue Ribbon Award by the National Band Association. This prestigious award was conferred to only three band programs in 2017. The Blue Ribbon Award is designed to recognize band programs that demonstrate excellence in all facets over a sustained period of time. Congratulations to band director Mr. Michael Hackbarth and the entire "Pride of Vienna" JMHS Band!

55+ Events at Reston Community Center

For more information or to register for any of these programs, contact Karen Brutsche, RCC's Lifelong Learning Program Director, at 703-476-4500 or go to www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

Finding Our Way: A Workshop on Self Rediscovery

Tuesdays, January 23-February 13, 2:15-3:40 pm

As our lives evolve, we must adapt to change. The self that we were as careerists, achievers, parents, activists, or volunteers give way in our later years to new opportunities. This workshop is about discovery. We will take time and thought to notice opportunities missed or not yet explored and consider what once held us back. What would it take to pursue them now? There will be homework. We will notice, reflect, write, compose, create, and interpret and share some of our stories with fellow workshops members. Together we will help each other find that unique "way" that awakens the Self who beckons to be set free. Cost \$40 Reston, \$60 non-Reston.

A Most Presidential Social

Friday, January 26, 1:30-3:00 pm

Discover the history of the President's Day holiday and play fun trivia. Natalie Neviasky will present interesting facts, games, and patriotic songs. Enjoy light refreshments and also learn about upcoming RCC and RA trips, classes and events. Wear your favorite patriotic outfit for a chance to win Best Dressed. Cost \$7 Reston, \$10 non-Reston.

Arena Stage - Sovereignty

Wednesday, January 31, 10:30 am to 3:30 pm

In Mary Kathryn Nagle's daring new work, a Cherokee lawyer fights to restore her Nation's jurisdiction while confronting the ever present ghosts of her grandfathers. Arena's four Power Play world premiere travels the intersections of personal and political truths, and historic and present struggles. Trip fee includes transportation, admissions and chaperones. Cost \$72 Reston, \$108 non-Reston.

Keep Your Brain Sharp

Friday, February 2, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Memory loss is not an inevitable consequence of growing old. As we age, we can experience mild changes in memory, but research shows that we can maximize our memory potential no matter what our age. You are never too old - or too young- to learn how to rev up your recall. In this class, you will learn: how memory works and the changes we can expect as we age; three techniques to help your recall; and seven lifestyle choices that can make a difference to your memory. This class is for educational purposes only - there will be no solicitation or obligations of attendees. No cost.

Fun Programs at Library Branches in Hunter Mill

PATRICK HENRY LIBRARY EVENTS:

703-938-0405

Woof and Paws - Read to a Dog: Thursday, January 18, 4-5 pm. Practice reading to a therapy dog. Call or sign up for 15 minute sessions. Age 6-12.

Classic Books Discussion Group: Thursday, January 18, 1 pm. Join writer/scholar Amanda Holmes Duffy for a discussion of *A Clockwork Orange* by Antony Burgess. Adults

Not Just For Teens Adult Book Club: Monday, January 22, 7 pm. Are you an adult who loves YA lit? Join us for discuss and fun. Read: *Lumberjanes, Volume 1* by Noelle Stevenson.

Snowflake Symmetry: Monday, January 29, 1:00 pm. Explore how snowflake symmetries the same as numbers, and how they are different. Experiment with snowflakes you create - led by Mason Experimental Geometry Lab. Grades 7-9

Picture Book Time: Wednesday, January 31, 1:30 pm. Join us for stories, songs and rhymes. Age 2-5 with adult.

RESTON REGIONAL LIBRARY EVENTS:

703-689-2700

Fantastic Films: Book to Movie - Guardians of the Galaxy. Saturday, January 20, 2 pm. Join us as we enjoy these films that started as books. Adults and teens.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, January 24, 10 am to 3 pm. The American Red Cross will be at the library for those able to give blood. You can help save a life. Adults

Toddler Yoga & Books with Little Twisters: Thursday, January 25, 10:30 am. Enjoy a fun intro to yoga through stories and songs with a children's yoga teacher. Wear comfortable clothes. Age 18-24 months with adult.

Thea Stilton and the Frozen Fiasco: Thursday, January 25, 4:30 pm. Read the story so we can discuss this mouse mystery set in Iceland. Age 8-10.

It's Time to Gather with the Groundhogs!: Wednesday, January 31, 7 pm. Busia Bear is still sleeping, while groundhogs are peeping. All ages are welcome to attend this pre-school family program.

Visit the Fairfax County Public Library website for branch, additional programs, information, and registration.

How to Start A Garden

Are you thinking about starting a garden? Get the know-how at the Fairfax Food Council workshop on **Thursday, February 15**, 7-8:30 pm, at Daniel Run Peace Church in Fairfax.

Come learn foundational knowledge about selecting a site, starting seeds, and caring for plants from Adria Bordas, Virginia Cooperative Extension's Senior Horticulture Extension Agent and leader of two Master Gardener programs in Fairfax County. Amy Reagan will share her experiences starting a non-profit garden with Food For Others. Bring your questions to ask and take advantage of the networking opportunity after the presentations.

Registration deadline is **February 2**. Sign up at <https://2018ffcgardenworkshop1.eventbrite.com>



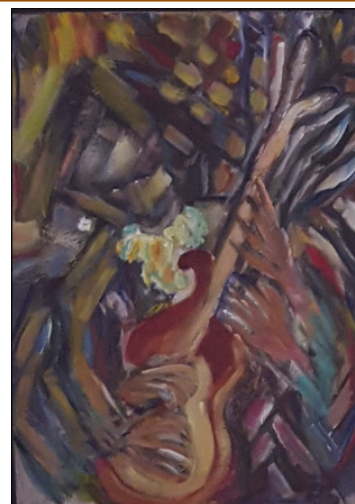
Experience the Art

The Vienna Art Society is displaying a selection of the members' works at the North County Governmental Center for the months of January and February. Stop by to enjoy a wonderful selection of paintings and photographs. Local artists on display include:

Marvel Adams
Yoki Albayrak
Janice Burns
Madeleine Chen
Lassie Corbett
Patricia Deege
Ruth Ensley
Ken Frye

Bob Kaminski
Sheeler Kowalewski
Carl Landow
Hayden Luczka
Viktoriya Maslova
Loy McGaughy
Ava Neff
Dick Neff

Jan Ponder
Regina Petrecca
Margaret Raymond
Grace Rooney
Florence Setzer
Dore Skidmore
Terry Svat



Homage to Prince, by Bob Kaminski

More information on Vienna Arts Society, Inc.

Happenings in the Parks

Kick Up Your Heels at Frying Pan Farm Park's Bluegrass Barn

Head on over to Frying Pan for some of the best bluegrass music in the mid-Atlantic area. The Sunday night performances at the Visitor Center offer vocal harmonies mixed with a fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar and a bass that that will have you tapping your toes and slapping your legs. January concerts are: Valerie Smith and Liberty Pike - Jan. 14; Mile Twelve - Jan. 28. Visit the [Frying Pan Farm Park site](#) for tickets and information.

Ready to Test Those New Cross Country Skis?

When the snow comes, there are several great parks sites for cross-country skiing;

- **Lake Fairfax Park** (1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston). Skiers of all levels will find a variety of scenic terrains to explore with wooded areas flanked by open meadows and both steep and gentle hills.
- **Riverbend Park** (Jeffery Road, Great Falls). View the Potomac River, silent woodlands and animals tracks in the snow.
- **Accotink Stream Valley Trail** (entrances at Rt. 50 south service road, 3/4 mile east of Fairfax Circle; Eakin Community Park at 3400 Prosperity Avenue). This trail provides an excellent area for beginners to practice.
- **Burke Lake Park** (7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station). This 4.5 mile hiking trail circumvents the lake along gently rolling terrain with fine lake vistas.
- Please note that skiing and sledding are prohibited at all Fairfax County Park Authority golf courses.

Discover Your Place in the Universe

Discover your place in the universe with an astronomy program this winter at the roll-top observatory at [Turner Farm Park](#). Observatory Park offers programs geared toward family members age nine to adult. The classroom seminars and nighttime observing sessions focus on a variety of astronomical subjects such as planets, comets, open clusters, double stars, stellar color spectrum, globular clusters, galaxies and nebulae. If the weather allows, telescopes will be used during the program to view the objects discussed in the classroom.

This winter, the Astronomical Seminar and Telescope Viewing program is being offered on Wednesday, January 17 and Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Cost is \$8 per person. Check the [Analemma Society site](#) for topics and additional programs geared for the family. Register through [Partakes](#) online for all programs.



Learn About Farming From the People Who Know

Agriculture is Virginia's largest industry, and Frying Pan Farm Park is offering an opportunity this winter to learn about farming from the farmers themselves. Drawing on interest in the farm-to-table movement, Frying Pan is bringing local farmers to lead a series of discussions about agriculture in the state. Each session will include a 45-minute presentation by farmers who will explain why they chose farming as a profession, what they produce and how you can support local farmers. Afterwards, participants can sample the fruits of the farmers' labors, socialize and learn more about the impact of supporting local agriculture.

The Virginia Farms program is being offered on three Sundays - January 14, February 11, and March 11, from 2 to 3:30 pm. Cost of each session is \$10 per person. The series is designed for participants age 12 to adult. For information or to sign up, visit the [Frying Pan Farm Park site](#), or call 703-437-9101.



Park Fee Adjustments Proposal Available for Review

The Park Authority will hold its annual public comment meeting on the agency's proposed fee adjustments. The public is invited to shared their perspectives on the proposals with the Park Authority Board either at the meeting, via correspondence or email. The meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 17, 7 pm** at the Herry Building, Room 107 (12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax).

Information outlining all proposed fee changes is now available for review online, at the Park Authority's main office in the Herry Building, at staffed park facilities including RECenters, golf courses, nature centers, and historic sites. Comments must be received no later than February 1 in order to ensure adequate time for review by decision-makers.

Send your comments via email to Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov, or mail your written comments to: Attention Public Information Office/Fee Comments, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 927, Fairfax, VA 22035.